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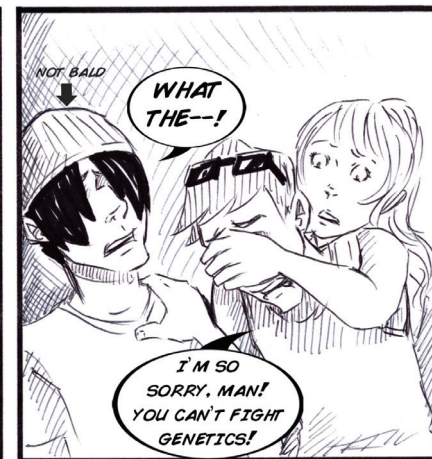
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# Enrollment cap considered to combat budget woes

Michael Pagels  
opinion editor

This fall, one of the many options that K-State administrators are considering to combat the educational budget cuts passed last month by the state legislature is an enrollment cap.

Jeff Morris, vice president of communications and marketing, was quick to explain that the enrollment cap is not a sure thing.

"First off, I think there aren't any firm plans for it," he said. "It's just something that will be a part of our discussions this fall as we look and see how we're going to handle the budget cuts from the state of Kansas."

It seems the state budget cuts could not have come at a worse time, with multiple large construction projects in the works, including Bill Snyder Family Stadium, a new residence hall and the Union renovations. Though

millions of dollars are being spent on these projects, the unanticipated state budget cuts are the culprit as the cause to a possible enrollment cap.

"At some point, having more students and less state aid becomes a real tough balancing act," Morris said. "We don't have a time frame at this time and it's just one of many things for consideration. If you have increased enrollment you need more housing, you need enough faculty members to cover the students, so that's all just part of the equation. The driving force behind this is the reduction of state support."

Historically a land grant college, K-State's mission has been to provide higher education at an affordable cost for Kansans. Eli Schooley, student body president and senior in political science, stressed the importance of keeping college costs down.

"We were founded with a land grant mission, and it's really hard to do that while being successful and being affordable for aver-

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Eli Schooley  
student body president

age Kansans when we're not receiving support from the state," Schooley said. "What's important to note about this situation is that the blame is solely laying with

the legislature and the governor. It's nothing that President [Kirk] Schulz is at fault for, it solely lies with the legislature and the lack of funding they chose to give the state."

The cost of current approved projects, such as the renovations to the Union and the new living facilities, will not be affected directly by the state budget cuts because they are funded by donations or student privilege fees, but projects could take much longer to be funded.

"The Union renovation project that passed guaranteed that students would not be charged more than \$20 per semester out of their privilege fee for the Union renovations," Schooley said. "What it does mean, potentially, is that the renovation would take longer because it would take more time for the 25 million dollars to amass to fund the project."

Although the enrollment cap

could slow down production and expansion at K-State, the alternative would be a spike in the cost of tuition. With an already 7 percent increase in tuition approved by the Kansas Board of Regents to combat the decrease in state funding, any more increases could be crippling to those who receive assistance to attend K-State.

"The obvious solution other than receiving more money from the state would be to raise tuition for the students, though President Schulz has taken a strong stance against that," Schooley said. "He does realize our land grant mission and our goal for accessibility for Kansans. The potential for an enrollment cap would be to keep K-State more accessible for students."

President Schulz and Pat Bosco, vice president for student life and dean of students, were not available for comment.

## Protesters hold rally to call for justice in Trayvon Martin's death



Katie Goerl | Collegian

Protesters gather in Triangle Park on Tuesday, lining Anderson Avenue, to advocate justice in the wake of Trayvon Martin's death and George Zimmerman's acquittal. Holding a sign encouraging drivers to honk for justice, Dominique Brookshire, senior in elementary education, said, "That's what we're really out here for; we want justice."

For more about Tuesday's protest in Triangle Park, visit [kstatecollegian.com](http://kstatecollegian.com)



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Charlesia McKinney, senior in English, said that after George Zimmerman was acquitted on Saturday, she decided to organize a protest. "Even if I had to stand alone, I wanted to express that Trayvon's life matters and that lives similar to his matter," she said.

## K-State student dies in single-vehicle accident

Karen Sarita Ingram  
news editor

Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Baileyville, Kan., for Kayla Renee Strathman. Strathman, junior in human resources, was killed in a single-vehicle crash on Sunday.

Strathman was born Sept. 18, 1992, in Seneca, Kan., and raised in Baileyville, graduating from B&B High School in 2011. She is survived by her parents, two brothers, one sister and extended family.

On Facebook, a community entitled "In Loving Memory of Kayla Strathman" had more than 7,000 likes, and an open group by the same name had more than 350 members as of Tuesday evening. Friends and family members posted pictures and shared memories with one another to help support one another and honor Strathman's legacy.

There was no information available as of Tuesday evening of any memorial services in the Manhattan area for friends of Strathman. More



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Friends of Strathman may send condolences to her family at [lauerfuneralhome.com](http://lauerfuneralhome.com). Counseling Services are available for any K-State students, faculty or staff who are affected by the tragedy at 785-532-6927 or [counsel@k-state.edu](mailto:counsel@k-state.edu).

# Media sensationalism makes ugly Zimmerman-Martin fiasco even worse



Mike Stanton

On Saturday, a six-person jury in Florida found George Zimmerman, 29, not guilty of second-degree murder in the February 2012 shooting death of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin.

Since that night, the story has been all over the news. Martin, carrying his now-infamous purchase of a can of iced tea and a bag of Skittles, was walking through the Retreat at Twin Lakes gated community in Sanford, Fla., when he drew the suspicion of Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch coordinator. A short time later, a confrontation broke out that left Zimmerman with lacerations to the back of his head and a broken nose, and Martin dead from a gunshot wound to the chest.

From the very beginning, it was clear that the fiasco would mean an ugly trial. There were no direct witnesses to the confrontation, and hard evidence was scarce. In the days after the event, the investigating officers and the Seminole County prosecutor decided against charging Zimmerman, who acknowledged shooting Martin, claiming it was in self-defense. This drew a great deal of public outcry, and understandably so; an unarmed teenager had been killed, and it seemed someone should answer for it.

As the story exploded onto the national scene, many media outlets sensationalized the events. NBC edited recordings of Zimmerman's 911 calls that evening in a way that overplayed comments he made about Martin's race. In addition, most networks used a photo of a 12-year-old Martin for months, portraying him as a small child rather than a 6-foot-tall late-teenager.

The media coverage fed into a vicious cycle, prompting

more calls for Zimmerman to face the music. Shortly after President Obama commented on the issue for the first time in late March, noting that if he had a son he would look like Martin, the office of Florida governor Rick Scott replaced the district attorney handling the case with one from a separate district. Zimmerman was charged with second-degree murder on April 11.

The trial's opening statements were made on June 24, and it soon became clear that the prosecution had overcharged Zimmerman. Under Florida law, to be found guilty, the jury of six women had to agree that Zimmerman had acted of "a depraved mind without regard for human life." The prosecution was forced to back-track throughout the trial, conceding that their version of events weren't, in fact, true

beyond the shadow of a doubt. With the lack of witnesses and concrete evidence, it was an impossible task to prove Zimmerman guilty.

Save for Zimmerman, no one will ever know the entire truth of what happened on that tragic night in Sanford. However, it is reasonably clear that Zimmerman left his vehicle to pursue the "suspicious" Martin, who then confronted

him and tried to teach him a lesson, not knowing that Zimmerman was armed.

Both parties acted inappropriately that night. Both stereotyped the other based on race and appearance. Both were unnecessarily aggressive. Now, one is dead and one's life is changed forever.

After the verdict was handed down Saturday night, protesters began demon-

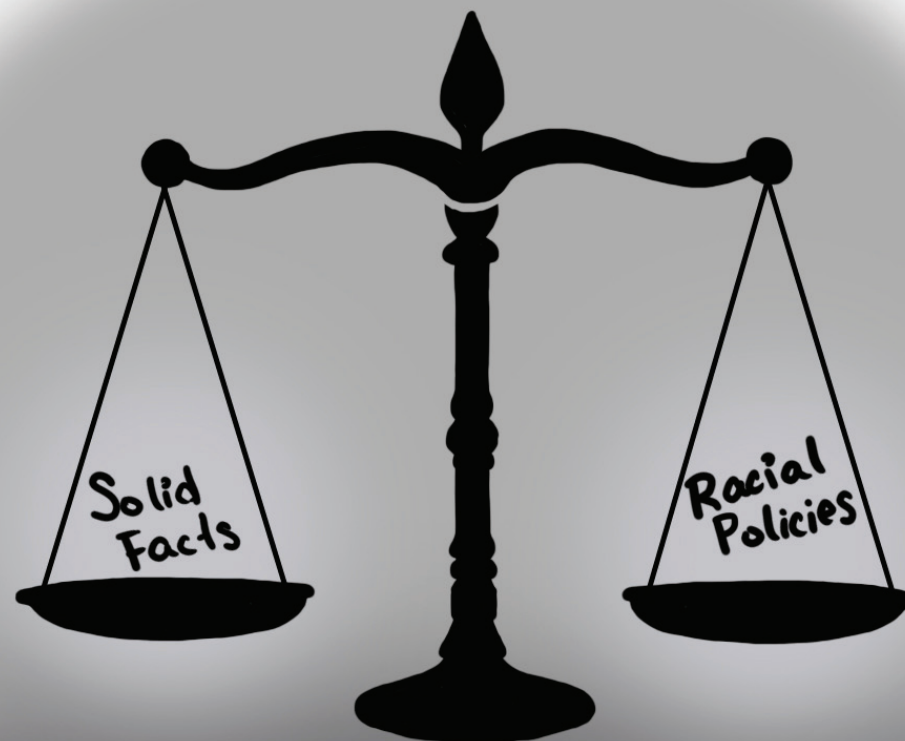
strating across the U.S. In Oakland and Los Angeles, some protesters began to riot, adding yet another disgraceful layer to the already-messy saga. Despite calls from Martin's parents for protesters to remain peaceful and dignified, rioters shattered windows, burned flags and vandalized public property.

Should Zimmerman get off scot-free for Martin's death?

It's hard to say. He essentially picked a fight he couldn't handle, and used a gun, the great equalizer, to end it. In my opinion, that's cowardly, but it's technically not second-degree murder.

From the shooting itself to the media's sensationalism and the political pressure that led to Zimmerman being overcharged, and ultimately acquitted, it was a mess. There were no winners in the case, but the losers, on the other hand, are too numerous to count.

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## Zimmerman Scales of Justice



# Sequester has *unfair effect* on soldiers, civilian **Department of Defense** *employees*



Russell Edem

With all the issues we are having in this country it seems that our government decided to add another issue to the list: sequestration. The sequester began March 1, when \$1 trillion in budget cuts automatically took effect due to Congress's inability to compromise on deficit reduction. When I first heard about it, I

the sick and elderly and eliminate jobs for 30,000 teachers throughout the country.

One of the biggest impacts the sequester has is on the people that defend this nation of ours: our soldiers and their families. The U.S. Army will feel most of the impact of the sequester, according to the American Forces Press Service, because it is the largest of the four branches of the Armed Forces, although the Navy, Air Force and Marines will also suffer some of the same issues. In Kansas, \$78 million has been cut in Army base funding. Due to these cutbacks, the soldiers will not receive the proper training

“It's not right to put the people who defend our nation at a disadvantage because the government doesn't know how to balance a checkbook.”

thought that it would not affect me, but I was wrong. It's not affecting me the way you might think, though — the sequester is affecting people I know who serve our country.

As I heard friends and family discussing how this is hurting their families, I decided to do some research, because I didn't fully understand it myself. This sequestration is going beyond Department of Defense employees and our armed forces, it is having an affect on education, after-school programs, meals for the sick and homebound seniors, and cuts funding for first responders in local communities. According to the White House website, 1.2 million kids across the U.S. will have no after-school programs. The sequestration will eliminate 4 million meals for

they require if they are called out to defend this country.

In addition to professional hurdles, these soldiers will suffer more personal cutbacks as well. According to the National Military Family Association website, a lot of different services that are offered to soldiers and their families will be affected by the sequester. Even though tuition assistance was restored to soldiers and their families, it is still being affected by sequestration. In the funding bill, additional money was not offered to restore it, so the Department of Defense will have to take money from other services to provide for it.

DOD civilians will also feel the pinch by having to take furloughs. They are required to take 14 days off between the time sequestration started



Illustration by Ashley Stuewe

and September of this year. In Kansas, 8,000 civilian DOD employees have been furloughed. This affects soldiers and their families because 40 percent of the workforce on military bases are run by DOD civilians. Certain services like medical clinics and community support services will have hours cut back due to staff being on furlough, causing reductions

in care for soldiers and their families.

Let's take a look at how the sequestration will affect us closer to home. According to the White House website, Kansas will lose approximately \$5.5 million in funding for primary and secondary education. This will put 80 teacher and teacher aide jobs at risk. Five hundred children

will not be able to attend Head Start or early Head Start, and 1,240 fewer children in Kansas will receive vaccines due to the cutbacks. These are only a few of the harmful effects of budget cutbacks due to the sequester.

The more I looked into this, the more I got upset. There has to be a better way to fix the problems we have in this nation of ours. We the people

need to stand up and say enough is enough. It's not right to put the people who defend our nation at a disadvantage because the government doesn't know how to balance a checkbook.

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# City Park comes alive with music at free family-friendly festival



Russell Edem | Collegian

Joseph Vincelli brings his music into the crowd at Little Apple Music Festival on Saturday at City Park. Other acts at the festival included Fort Riley's 1st Infantry Division Band, indie artist Deer Daniel, blues singer Walkin' Cane and country band County Road 5.

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Joseph Vincelli and his band entertain the crowd at the festival. Band members include Joel McCray on the electric keyboard, Manuel Henderson on the bass guitar and Danielle Brown on the drums. Formerly a jazz festival, the event, which was co-sponsored by the Union Program Council and the Parks and Recreation Department, expanded this year to include more genres.



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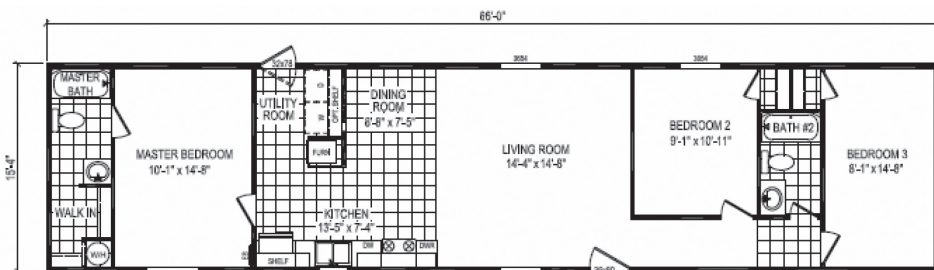
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## Review

### New album might be bad omen for 3OH!3



Joseph Wenberg  
staff writer

It was 2010, and the Colorado electropop duo 3OH!3 had just released their third album "Streets of Gold." The album proved the duo to be a powerful one at the top of their game, releasing strings of radio hits, growing in maturity and appealing to a fan-base that begged for more content. The band released "Omens" on June 18, fighting for further validation after a three-year absence.

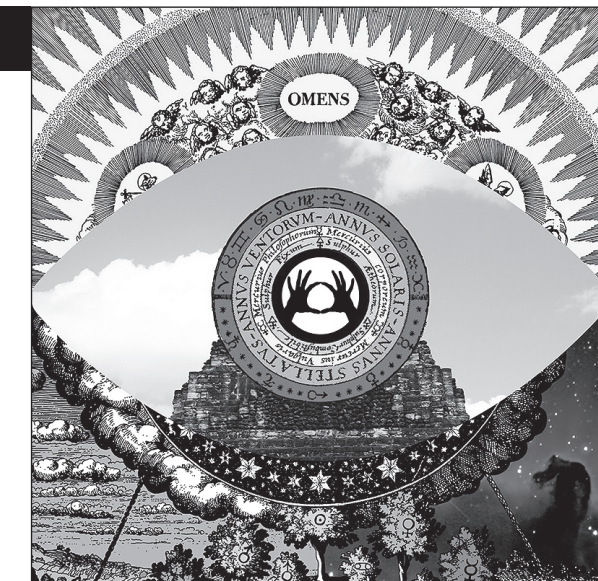
Many would consider 3OH!3 to be a one-hit-wonder type of group. They had a few hits on the radio, but much of their album content is overlooked by the average listener. The fans provided them with the fuel for their singles to make the radio, and they were the folks playing the records over the loudspeakers. The fans are a younger demographic, since lyrical content usually focuses around love, sex, parties and dancing. A good portion of these fans are folks who enjoy electronic music, but tend not to be fazed by the bad known as dubstep.

Over the course of the

three years between records, the group had released songs as teasers to keep people listening. "Robot," "Bang Bang," and "Set You Free" were three songs the band released from "the vault" and showed a lot of promise for the new album. Additionally, album singles like "Do or Die," "You're Gonna Love This" and "Back to Life" proved that they had stuck with the formula for past success, while still adding different elements, and were ready to bust back into the limelight.

At the end of the day, however, the best parts of their album had already been released. "Omens" turned out to be a huge disappointment for both fans and average listeners alike.

At first listen, the intro track is very similar to intro tracks on past records — it's interesting and sets the stage for what is to come. The second and third tracks, "Eyes Closed" and "You're Gonna Love This," aren't bad at all. There is a lot of energy on both tracks and they both sound fairly similar to something they would have produced in the past. Then, it happens — dubstep —



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namely on the tracks "Black Hole" and "Hungover." These songs are tarnished with a musical fad that reached its peak over a year ago. For those who enjoyed old 3OH!3, the only non-single tracks to listen to are "Eyes Closed" and "Live for the Weekend." That means there are five bearable songs on an album with 11 songs and four bonus tracks.

Lyricaly, 3OH!3 hasn't changed much. If anything, they have almost regressed in maturity. For the best example of this, listen to the song "Two Girlfriends" and fill in the blanks. "Live for the Weekend," arguably the best non-single track from the album, features lyrical genius like, "Oh yeah, party in the

city. Drink it if you're with me then we'll be passed out on the floor," or "I ain't scared of death, the b--- is scared of me."

Dubstep ruined what could have been a promising release, as if the lyrics and regression in maturity hadn't done enough. As a shameless fan of 3OH!3's first three records, I am beyond disappointed in their change in direction, and it may possibly deem the end of their commercial success. It's sad to see that it took three years to release this debacle. "Omens" deserves 2 out of 5 stars.

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## Review

### 'Grown Ups' return in sequel that fans love, critics hate



Ambrosia Franklin  
staff writer

The "Grown Ups" are back in action just in time for summer fun. The all-star cast of Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock, David Spade, Salma Hayek, Maya Rudolph, Maria Bello and Nick Swardson all return to the sequel along with new additions to the cast, including NBA legend and correspondent Shaquille O'Neal.

In the film, Hollywood casting agent Lenny Feder (Adam Sandler) moves his family back to his small hometown to be closer to his childhood friends and so their kids can grow up together. As the last day of school ends and the summer begins, the "Grown Ups" deal with comical occurrences such as a deer invasions, frat boys, delusional ex-girlfriends and run-ins with old and new bullies.

The sequel stands alone from the first "Grown Ups" movie, so there is no need for a refresher of the original plot unless you want to familiarize yourself with the original characters.

True to form of Sandler's form, the sequel aims to produce laughs from dirty and half-witted jokes. The jokes are at least as low-brow as the jokes in the first movie, and the humor comes from unexpected props and one-liners. The mid-

dle-aged "Grown Ups" this time around seem more immature than their own kids, as they are trying to prove to themselves that they are still "fun." They learn lessons from their kids in this sequel and take a trip down memory lane, realizing how much has changed since their childhood.

Critics have given negative reviews about the feel-good comedy since its release last Friday. Meanwhile, websites like Rotten Tomatoes reflect just the opposite; according to the website, 90 percent of the audience liked the movie, compared to just 6 percent of critics. Despite the less than favorable reviews by some critics, the movie provides more than enough comical moments from the comedian heavyweight cast.

Overall, I give "Grown Ups 2" 3.5 out of 5 stars. The movie is worth seeing for the good comic relief with a summertime theme, but not if you're looking for intellectual stimulus. With that said, if you were not a fan of the first "Grown Ups," there is a good chance you may not like it a second time around.

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## Review

### Transgender Navy SEAL speaks out in moving memoir



Jakki Thompson  
edge editor

Picking up a new book for the first time may seem intimidating, especially if it has a well-built, muscular, heavily-bearded man dressed in a military uniform on the front cover of it. However, "Warrior Princess," a biography by Kristin Beck and Anne Speckhard, is not a book to be judged by its cover.

At first glance, the book is formatted much differently than other biographies. "Warrior Princess" is a chronicle of short stories collected to follow Chris Beck's transition to Kristin Beck, a male-to-female transition.

Chris had been a U.S. Navy SEAL, one of the most demanding positions within the military. While in the military he faced 13 different deployments, seven of them in high-combat zones. He fought honorably throughout his time in the Navy SEALs, facing many different injuries and the loss of many men he fought

beside while in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

During his 20 years in the military, he was married twice and had two children, all the while suppressing his desire to be a woman. His marriage to Shelly, his first wife, brought him his two children, Max and Henry. The marriage failed after Chris was deployed almost constantly for nine years while simultaneously dealing both with his underlying gender identity conflict and the ramifications of war, including post-traumatic stress disorder. His second marriage to his ex-wife Samantha lasted only a few years.

The rest of the book describes Chris' transition into Kristin and her experience of coming out as a woman to all of her colleagues at the Department of Defense, as well as all of the people she had met while in the SEALs. The transition was mostly welcomed with words of encouragement. The major consensus at the DOD was that her skill set and

intelligence did not change — she was still the same person with the same capabilities and intellect, just a different way of presenting herself after her transition into her new body.

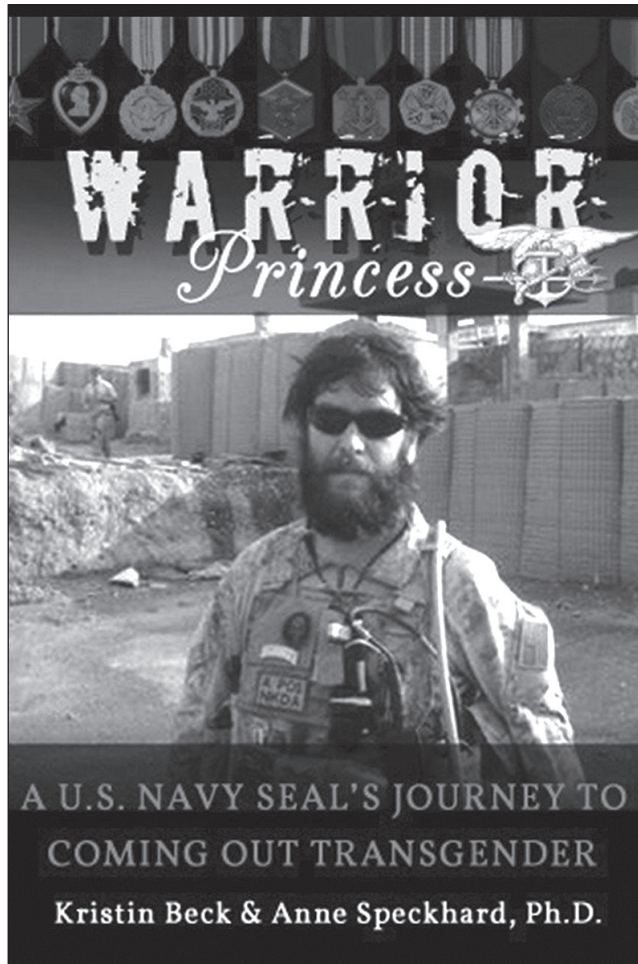
Overall, the book was very strong. It tells the story of Chris' abusive family and sheds some light on the perils of war, such as being down range in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the after-effects of dealing with PTSD. The conclusion brings insight to gender identity, especially for Kristin, who had been dealing with this for more than 30 years. She had suppressed it deep down inside her throughout every event in her life — through deployment, being state-side, interactions with her family and day-to-day life.

Toward the end of the book, Kristin talks about the perils young transgender children face. "I don't deserve the disrespect and ridicule they throw at me. People don't point at wheelchairs and laugh. But they laugh at me," she wrote. "I feel like Quasimodo. I feel extremely sorry for kids growing up with this issue — girls and boys. The suicide rate among

transgender kids is off the charts; it's about 50 percent! It's a shame and I want to reach out to all of them. They shouldn't be bullied; they are people and deserve happiness."

Kristin is concerned about the young transgender people in the United States because of the discrimination they face. According to a February 2011 report from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, transgender youth in K-12 schools experience enormous rates of abuse from their classmates — 78 percent reported that they were harassed, 35 percent reported they were physically assaulted and 12 percent reported sexual violence. This harassment was actually severe enough to lead 15 percent of the transgender youth involved in the study to leave school. Meanwhile, the same study reports that, of the students who experienced harassment or violence in school, 51 percent attempted suicide.

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## K-State, Manhattan area briefs

Karen Sarita Ingram  
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### K-State reports record donations, participation in university fundraisers

Donations and pledges to K-State for the fiscal year ending June 30 totaled \$152 million, shattering the previous record of \$111 million set in fiscal year 2012. This year's donations included \$86 million in gifts and another \$66 million in pledges and deferred gifts that will be received by the university later. According to K-State News and Editorial Services, there were 22 gifts of \$1 million or more.

The Telefund was expanded to a yearlong campaign for the first time this fiscal year, bringing in \$1.7 million from donors. The All-University campaign brought in \$1.3 million and set a record with 42 percent of faculty and staff participating. The student-led K-State Proud Campaign also has a successful year, raising \$650,000 for students in need of financial assistance.

### Junction City reports theft of city water supply

The Junction City Police Department has issued a statement asking for citizens to help locate possible water thieves. According to a July 12 article by Kansas First News, as much as 30 percent of the city's water usage cannot be accounted for at this time. Some may be attributable to leaks or inaccurate meters, but authorities suspect a large amount of water is being stolen for use, possibly for farming irrigation or construction.

Stealing water without permission, according to the article, can be a burden on taxpayers and creates problems for the city. The State of Kansas has informed Junction City officials that they have exceeded their city's allotment and must bring residents' water usage under control. JCPD asks anyone who sees individuals tapping into fire hydrants illegally to contact Crime Stoppers at 785-762-8477.

**Monkey escape!**  
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## Former professor helps city develop int'l partnership



Katie Goerl | Collegian

Four flags fly above the Partner City Flag Plaza, located on the southwest corner of City Park: the City of Manhattan flag, the American flag, the Czech flag and the flag of Dobrichovice, which became Manhattan's partner city in April 2006.

Shelton Burch  
staff writer

When Manhattan's City Commission decided to develop a cultural relationship with a city outside of America, the Partner City Committee was unsure where to begin their search. That was when a former K-State professor with ties to the Czech Republic offered to help.

In April 2006, the city of Manhattan agreed to become the formal partner city of Dobrichovice, Czech Republic. The agreement was created by the Partner City Committee of Manhattan, a five-person committee that is appointed by the mayor of Manhattan.

Ed Klimek, chairman for the Partner City Committee, said the idea behind it is to nurture international relationships.

"Our task is to partner with cities across the world and grow relationships," Klimek said.

The influence of the relationship between Manhattan and Dobrichovice, pronounced Doh-brih-oh-vich-eh, can be found in various academic institutions around Manhattan. Klimek said that some of the local elementary schools have done "Czech Night," an evening in which kids eat Czech food and speak in Czech. He also said there is a Czech exchange student at Manhattan High School, and that K-State has a very active exchange program.

"We have a rather large exchange program with two universities in the Czech Republic," Klimek said. "Usually there are

anywhere from 15 to 25 Czech students that come over to K-State, and then we send the same over to their university to study for either a semester or a year."

Klimek said the Partner City Committee had a tough task ahead of them.

"When we decided to have a partner city, we didn't know who we were going to partner with," Klimek said. "How do you choose a city? I mean, you have the whole world out there, so how do you pick one?"

That was when, Klimek said, the committee got fortunate.

"There was a professor at K-State, and his name was Joseph Barton-Dobenin. He was a native of the old Czechoslovakia, and we really didn't know about him, but he stepped up when he found out we were looking for a partner city," Klimek said.

But Barton-Dobenin was not only a former K-State professor. According to Klimek, Barton-Dobenin had a major role in the Czech Republic.

"His story is kind of unique," Klimek said. "His family owned a great deal of land and a lot of buildings in the old Czechoslovakia, including one of the royal castles in Prague. They owned all this, but the communists, when they came in after World War II, took all the possessions and property away from his family. So, Dr. Dobenin moved to American and got himself educated and did a number of things and ended up being a professor at K-State."

But in 1989, the nonviolent "Velvet Revolution" ended communist control of what was then Czechoslovakia. In 1993, Czechoslovakia split into two different countries; the Czech Republic and Slovakia, according to the CIA World Factbook.

"During the time he was here, the communists left," Klimek said. "They fell out of power, and all the land and all the buildings, including the castle, reverted back to his family. So, all this happened and he was a huge figure."

It was that connection, Klimek said, that led Barton-Dobenin to suggest that Manhattan choose a partner city in the Czech Republic. When the committee told him that they would consider it, Barton-Dobenin stepped in even further.

"He said 'I'll go find you one,'" Klimek said. "He went back and scouted around and got it all set up for us, and there we had a partner city."

Ron Fehr, city manager for Manhattan, said typically one city will send a delegation to the other every two or three years, then the other city will send one.

"We've had at least two delegations that have gone over there," Fehr said.

According to Klimek, the exchange program is thorough. When delegations from the Czech Republic come, the committee finds them places to stay and takes them out into Manhattan for a general tour of the



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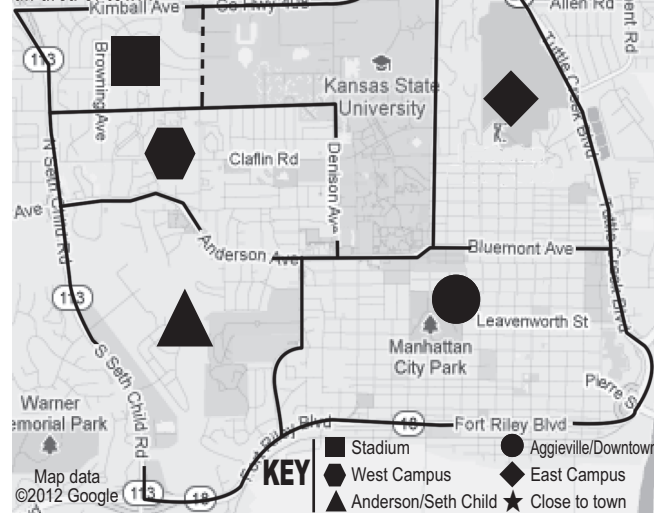
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# CITY | Partnership ‘productive,’ to continue for foreseeable future, chairman says

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city and a chance to learn about the culture. The same happens when Manhattan sends delegations to Dobrichovice. They meet the current and former mayor of Dobrichovice and get a tour of the city, as well as the nearby Czech capital, Prague.

But while the Partner City Committee itself is directly appointed by the mayor of Manhattan, Klimek said that there is another group in

which anyone is free to get involved.

“We also have a group called the Friends of Partner City,” Klimek said. “And we have maybe 20 to 25 friends of the committee.”

Klimek said the committee and the Friends of Partner City meet every first Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. at City Hall. These meetings are open to the public.

“We welcome more friends to be involved because we do projects and we like to have as

many people as we can helping out,” Klimek said.

Projects the committee and

September 2009, the concept of the current flag plaza was proposed to the Manhattan

**“Our task is to partner with cities across the world and grow relationships.”**

**Ed Klimek**

chairman for the Partner City Committee

its friends have done include the flag plaza on the southwest corner of City Park. In

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and on September 21, 2010, the design was ap-

proved.

Wynn Butler, Manhattan city commissioner, said the flag plaza at City Park did not cost the city anything, and that it was largely a result of the work Klimek did.

“It was all privately funded, and they dedicated that and brought the mayor in from the other town, but none of that was tax dollar supported,” Butler said.

Klimek said the flag plaza was created as a permanent sign of the partnership with

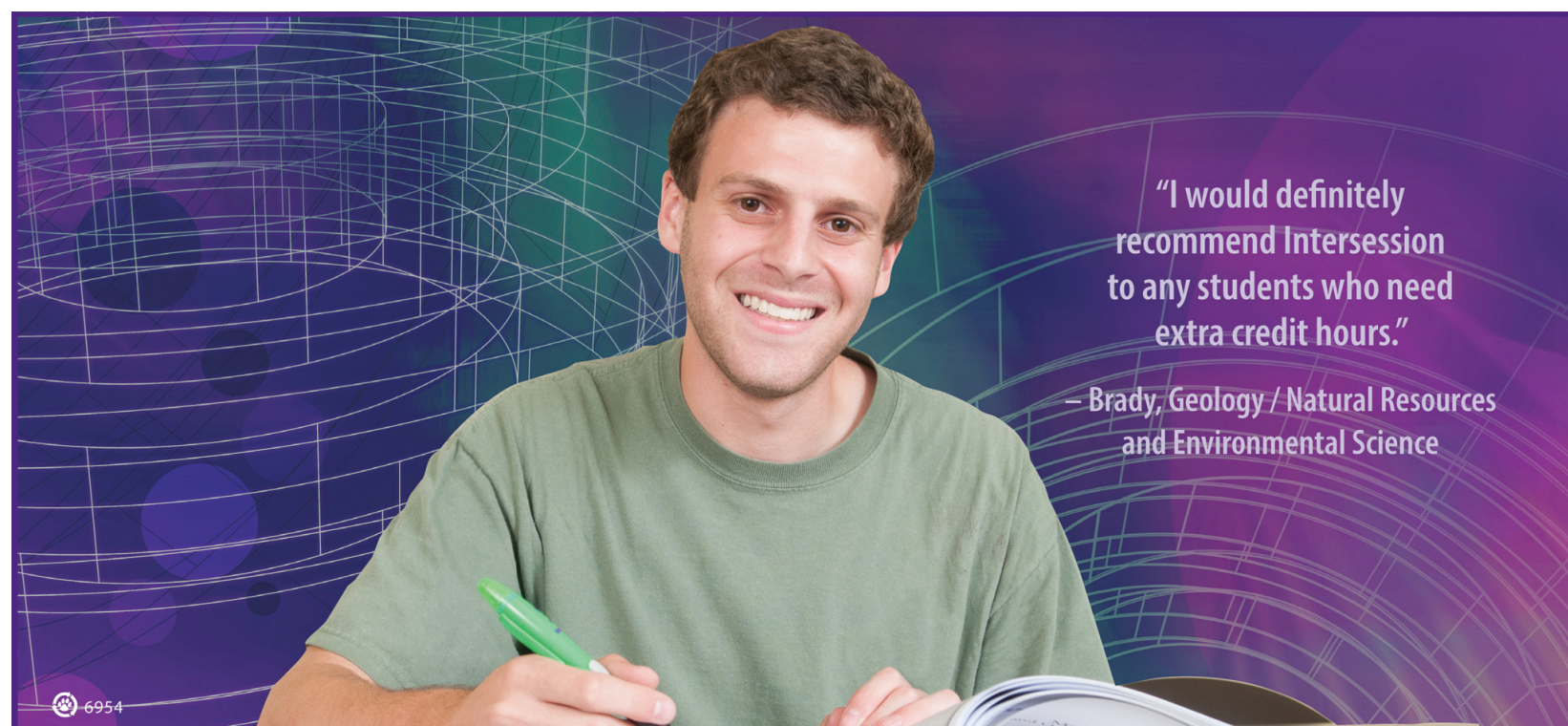
Dobrichovice, a relationship that Klimek said he does not see ending anytime soon.

“That’s supposed to be something that recognizes our current partner city and there’s the flags of both countries and cities there,” Klimek said. “We actually have signed an agreement with them so there is no timetable as far as this thing ending. It’s until both cities decide that they don’t want to do it anymore. So far, it’s been very productive, so I don’t see any end to that.”



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